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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No.1280**

**SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS**

**The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2003**

*Made* - - - - *1st May 2003*  
*Laid before Parliament* *12th May 2003*  
*Coming into force* - - *1st August 2003*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by section 11(1) to (3) of the Football Spectators Act 1989(1), and after consulting the Football Licensing Authority in accordance with section 11(4) of that Act, hereby makes the following Order:

PROSPECTIVE

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2003 and shall come into force on 1st August 2003.

**Commencement Information**

II Art. 1 in force at 1.8.2003, see [art. 1](#)

**Direction**

2.—(1) The Secretary of State hereby directs the Football Licensing Authority as set out in paragraph (2) below.

(2) When granting any licence to admit spectators(2) to the premises specified in column (1) of Schedule 1 and further identified in column (2) of that Schedule by the name of the football club of which they are the home ground, it shall include a condition imposing the requirements, as respects the seating of spectators at designated football matches(3), specified in Schedule 2.

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(1) 1989 c. 37.

(2) A “licence to admit spectators” is defined in section 1(7) of the Football Spectators Act 1989.

(3) “Designated football match” is defined in section 1(2) of the Football Spectators Act 1989 and S.I.2000/3331.

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**Commencement Information**

**I2** Art. 2 in force at 1.8.2003, see [art. 1](#)

1st May 2003

*Tessa Jowell*  
Secretary of State for Culture, Media and  
Sport

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SCHEDULE 1

Article 2(2)

PREMISES IN RESPECT OF WHICH A CONDITION IMPOSING  
REQUIREMENTS AS RESPECTS THE SEATING OF SPECTATORS  
AT DESIGNATED FOOTBALL MATCHES SHALL BE IMPOSED

**Commencement Information**

**I3** Sch. 1 in force at 1.8.2003, see [art. 1](#)

<i>(1) Address of the premises</i>	<i>(2) Football club of which the premises are the home ground</i>
Priestfield Stadium Redfern Avenue Gillingham Kent ME7 4DD	Gillingham Football Club
Deepdale Stadium Sir Tom Finney Way Preston Lancashire PR1 6RU	Preston North End Football Club
Bescot Stadium Bescot Crescent Walsall West Midlands WS1 4SA	Walsall Football Club

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## SCHEDULE 2

Article 2(2)

### REQUIREMENTS TO BE IMPOSED

1. Only seated accommodation shall be provided for spectators at a designated football match.

#### Commencement Information

**I4** Sch. 2 para. 1 in force at 1.8.2003, see [art. 1](#)

2. Spectators shall only be admitted to watch a designated football match from seated accommodation.

#### Commencement Information

**I5** Sch. 2 para. 2 in force at 1.8.2003, see [art. 1](#)

PROSPECTIVE

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order directs the Football Licensing Authority to include in any licence to admit spectators to the football grounds specified in Schedule 1 a condition imposing the requirements specified in Schedule 2 as respects the seating of spectators at designated football matches. “Designated football matches” are those association football matches designated by the Secretary of State under the powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Football Spectators Act 1989, and they include all associations football matches played at the premises specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Sch. 1 coming into force by [S.I. 2003/1280 art. 1](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 1 coming into force by [S.I. 2003/1280 art. 1](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 coming into force by [S.I. 2003/1280 art. 1](#)
- art. 1 coming into force by [S.I. 2003/1280 art. 1](#)
- art. 2 coming into force by [S.I. 2003/1280 art. 1](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Order revoked by [S.I. 2022/728 Sch. 3 para. 10](#)